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2. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (9 characters maximum)	143025387		
3. Contact Name (30 characters maximum)	John Edwards		
4. Contact Telephone Number (14 digits maximum)	Area Code: 313	Phone Number: 461-8090	Ext.:
Contact Fax Number (10 digits maximum)	Area Code: 313	Fax Number: 567-9835	
Contact Email Address (100 characters maximum)	je2000_mi@yahoo.com		
5. Invoice Number (25 characters maximum)	cpa-q1-8506f		
6. Invoice Date to SLD (mmddyyyy)	12082004		
7. Total Invoice Amount (sum on Column (14) - 14.2 digits maximum)	\$ 210.00		

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Contact Fax Number (10 digits maximum)	Area Code: 313	Fax Number: 567-9835	
Contact Email Address (100 characters maximum)	je2000_mi@yahoo.com		
5. Invoice Number (25 characters maximum)	sh-q1-8506f		
6. Invoice Date to SLD (mmddyyyy)	12082004		
7. Total Invoice Amount (sum on Column (14) - 14.2 digits maximum)	\$6 480.00		

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Contact Email Address (100 characters maximum)	je2000_mi@yahoo.com		
5. Invoice Number (25 characters maximum)	8506f		
6. Invoice Date to SLD (mmddyyyy)	09192004		
7. Total Invoice Amount (sum on Column (14) - 14.2 digits maximum)	\$146,476.80		

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1. Service Provider Name (30 characters maximum)	American Internet Group, LLC.		
2. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (9 characters maximum)	143025387		
3. Contact Name (30 characters maximum)	John Edwards		
4. Contact Telephone Number (14 digits maximum)	Area Code: 313	Phone Number: 461-8090	Ext.:
Contact Fax Number (10 digits maximum)	Area Code: 313	Fax Number: 567-9835	
Contact Email Address (100 characters maximum)	je2000_ml@yahoo.com		
5. Invoice Number (25 characters maximum)	8506f		
6. Invoice Date to SLD (mmddyyyy)	09192004		
7. Total Invoice Amount (sum on Column (14) – 14.2 digits maximum)	\$146,476.80		

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	(8) FCC Form 471 Application Number (up to 10 digits) (from Funding Commitment Decisions Letter)	(9) Funding Request Number (FRN) (up to 10 digits) (from Funding Commitment Decisions Letter)	(10) Bill Frequency (e.g., Monthly, Quarterly, Annually, One- time, Other)	(11) Customer Billed Date (mmyyww)	(12) Shipping Date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mmddyyyy)	(13) Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service per FRN (14.2 digits max.)	(14) Discount Amount Billed to SLD (14.2 digits max.)
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American Internet Group, LLC

200 Riverfront Drive, Ste. 16F, Detroit, MI 48226

April 18, 2005

Honorable Mike Rogers
Congressman, Michigan's 8th District
1327 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to meet with me. I brought along Dr. Eugene Cain from Shabazz Public School Academy to help me fill in the gaps on the negative impacts of the E-Rate Program from a school's perspective. In short my firm "American Internet Group" (AIG) assists public and private school districts in accessing technology and learning tools available through grants, entitlement programs, and initiatives at the Federal, State, and local levels. Since 1998 we have focused almost exclusively on programs and initiatives that assist charter schools because we have found navigation of their bureaucracies a bit easier. This brings me to the reason for requesting a meeting. One of the program we are involved in, the Federal Universal Service (E-Rate) Program, of which about 60% of my firm's business is derived has become erratic and quite lengthy on invoice payments. Additionally the program seems to penalize the school districts it was designed to assist.

The E-Rate Program Explained

The E-Rate Program was created during the 1996 Telecommunications Act rewrite to bridge the telecommunications gaps between suburban, urban, and rural schools districts making it possible where all districts can afford high speed internet access, networked environments, and other telecommunications solutions irregardless of their financial bearing. The program administrator by the F.C.C., provides discounts up to 90% on telecommunications and computer infrastructure services to disserving schools based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch in each building. Every year the program through Congress has a mandate to give up to 2.89 Billion in discounts to disserving urban and rural schools and libraries.

The Problem

The Program while noteworthy is not without flaws. Although allegations of fraud and abuse have been problematic since it's inception, not too unlike many other newly created Federal programs. Of late, the program has dramatically increased turn around time on invoices (they were under 90 days) to over 7 months. This has created chaos in how my firm pays suppliers, on site contractors at schools, and is ruining the great relationships my firm has with vendors and schools. Aside from the payment slow-down program changes also seemingly penalizes the very population it was designed to serve, high poverty urban and rural schools and libraries. Over the past 24 months my firm has worked with 10 school districts with high poverty rates (over 75%) who have been denied for various reasons. Additionally the level of paperwork and time spent responding to multiple questions from multiple review teams

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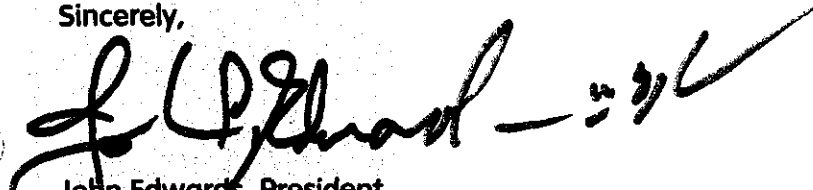
have driven many disserving school systems to the point of deciding to forego any discounts and seek funding elsewhere.

Attached is a history of several Lansing and other area schools that I have/have tried to assist and the outcome of their efforts.

Having worked for six (6) years at the State Capitol as a page, intern, and finally as an administrative aide, I have following all of the prescribed remedies for the schools to no avail. This has included contacting the E-rate Ombudsman's, Lisa Zaina (the Administrator of the program), Michael Kraft (the Invoicing Director), Cynthia Schultz (the conference call administrator) in addition to multiple support personnel via emails. I ask your assistance in getting a handle on this process so that my firm can continue to provide services to America's neediest schools and students with the high level of integrity and service my firm is known for. My firm is especially vulnerable entering the 2006 school year with over \$500,000 in unpaid invoices and close to \$2,000,000 in appealed and pending projects.

Thank you again for your time and assistance in advance. For your convenience I have attached important contact numbers for E-Rate administrators as well as a history on funding related to the schools I assist of the following pages.

Sincerely,



John Edwards, President
American Internet Group, LLC.
SPIN Number: 143025387
313 - 461-8090

Email: je2000_mi@yahoo.com

Web: www.amerigroup.bz

Important E-Rate Contact Numbers:

Lisa Zaina, Program Administrator 202-776-0200
George McDonald, E-Rate Administrator 202-776-0200
Michael (Mick) Kraft, Invoicing Director 202-776-0200
Robert Spiller, E-Rate Ombudsman 202-772-5232
Main E-RATE Service Contact Number: 888-203-8100

Schools Denied

Shabazz PSA (Lansing)

Poverty Rate: 98%

Type of Application: 2003 Application for \$124,000

Students: 250

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: E-Rate stated that the certification was not received, although document proof was provided

Greater Lansing Islamic School (East Lansing)

Poverty Rate: 75%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$280,000

Students: 130

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: E-Rate gave G.L.I.S. a poverty rate of 4% although proof of poverty was sent with Michigan Department of Education School Lunch Reimbursement documentation

King Academy (Inkster)

Poverty Rate: 93%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$70,000

Students: 250

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: E-Rate stated that their were similarities in their questions

Detroit Edison Public School Academy (Detroit)

Poverty Rate: 76%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$419,000

Students: 1100

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: Denied because of similarities in their questions

Plymouth Educational Charter School (Detroit)

Poverty Rate: 86%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$321,000

Students: 850

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: Denied because of similarities in their questions

Oakland International Academy (Hamtramck)

Poverty Rate: 98%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$380,000

Students: 380

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: Denied because of similarities in their questions

Dawson Street Christian School (LeGrange Georgia)

Poverty Rate: 100%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$151,000

Students: 150

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: Applicant did not provide proof that they were eligible???? (They are a recognized religious school in Georgia and receive meal reimbursements for students)

University Community Academy (Atlanta Georgia)

Poverty Rate: 92%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$205,000

Students: 420

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: Applicant did not respond to questions in the time provided.

Metro Atlanta Respite and Dev. Center (Atlanta Georgia)

Poverty Rate: 100%

Type of Application: 2004 Application for \$188,000

Students: 15

Service Description: Discounts on phone, internet access, networking infrastructure, and support

Reason: **Applicants charter was not renewed therefore they have closed.**

To access the requests of a particular customer, click on the state where it is located.

Summary 2005 | **2003**

State	FRNs	Requested	Pending	Rejected	Committed	ERM Debits	ERM Balance	SLD Balance
<u>GA</u>	6	\$544,935.60	\$0.00	\$166,165.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>MI</u>	25	\$7,143,495.00	\$697,627.80	\$5,344,765.20	\$1,005,288.00	\$0.00	\$1,005,288.00	\$1,005,288.00
Total		\$7,688,430.60	\$697,627.80	\$5,510,930.40	\$1,005,288.00	\$0.00	\$1,005,288.00	\$1,005,288.00

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Click on the name of a customer to review its funding requests.

State Michigan

Summary 2005 2006

Applicant	FRNs	Requested	Pending	Rejected	Committed	ERM Debits	ERM Balance	SLD Balance
<u>ACADEMY OF FLINT</u>	2	\$268,666.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268,666.20	\$0.00	\$268,666.20	\$268,666.20
<u>AISHA SHULE</u>	2	\$178,138.80	\$0.00	\$178,138.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>BENTON HARBOR CHARTER SCHOOL</u>	2	\$404,796.60	\$30,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COLIN POWELL ACADEMY</u>	2	\$171,428.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171,428.40	\$0.00	\$171,428.40	\$171,428.40
<u>DETROIT ADVANTAGE ACADEMY</u>	2	\$404,796.60	\$404,796.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY</u>	2	\$440,110.80	\$0.00	\$440,110.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>EL-HAJJ MALIK EL-SHABAZZ ACAD</u>	2	\$172,396.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$172,396.80	\$0.00	\$172,396.80	\$172,396.80
<u>GREATER LANSING ISLAMIC SCHOOL</u>	2	\$224,469.00	\$0.00	\$224,469.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>HOPE ACADEMY</u>	1	\$262,591.20	\$262,591.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>KING ACADEMY</u>	1	\$65,574.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY HAMTRAMCK</u>	2	\$3,805,920.00	\$0.00	\$3,805,920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>PLYMOUTH ED CTR CHARTER SCH</u>	2	\$321,570.00	\$0.00	\$321,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>SANKOFA SHULE SCHOOL</u>	1	\$18,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,240.00	\$0.00	\$18,240.00	\$18,240.00
<u>TRI-VALLEY ACADEMY</u>	2	\$404,796.60	\$0.00	\$374,556.60	\$374,556.60	\$0.00	\$374,556.60	\$374,556.60
Total	25	\$7,143,495.00	\$697,627.80	\$5,344,765.20	\$1,005,288.00	\$0.00	\$1,005,288.00	\$1,005,288.00

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<u>MI</u>	32	\$4,295,542.40	\$4,295,542.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>MO</u>	2	\$101,080.80	\$101,080.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>OH</u>	6	\$1,032,579.60	\$1,032,579.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>TX</u>	6	\$1,072,294.20	\$1,072,294.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Consultants

*does not
apply to AIG*

- May assist applicants with their responsibilities
- Ensure that Letter of Agency is in place BEFORE starting to work on behalf of the applicant
 - i.e. don't file a Form 470 for an applicant before the date on the LOA
 - LOAs are required even if the applicant is signing the forms. If a consultant is doing the work, they need a LOA.
- Applicants should exercise caution with respect to consultants who may have conflict of interest issues that might interfere with their ability to provide impartial advice.

Roles for Service Providers *ATC only*

◆ Appropriate roles:

- Respond to bids.
- Comply with all certifications made on all forms
- Assist with preparation of the Item 21 attachment for the Form 471
- Provide answers to PIA regarding the specific products and services on FRNs.

Roles for Service Providers *Never done*

● Inappropriate roles:

- Assist applicant with competitive bidding process
- Respond to inquiries from PIA *Program Integrity issues* regarding the selection of the winning service provider.
- Provide suggested RFPs or other competitive bidding documents to applicants
- Be part of the bid selection process

More Roles for Service Providers

- ◆ Cannot file Form 470 on behalf of applicants.
- ◆ Cannot be involved in competitive bidding process except as bidders.
- ◆ Can respond to Form 470 / RFP.
- ◆ Can provide Item 21 attachment information to applicant.
- ◆ Can support applicant on technical questions from PIA relating to products and services to be provided.
- ◆ Provide discounted bills/reimbursement.

YAHOO! MAIL

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Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2005 20:17:02 -0700 (PDT)
From: "John Edwards" <je2000_mi@yahoo.com>
Subject: our conversation today re: schools with similar 470 applications
To: "Irene Flannery" <iflannery@universalservice.org>
CC: mkraft@universalservice.org

Irene,

Per our conversation today, please find attached copies of 470's from the schools that selected AIG as their service provider in 2004. The files are combined into 1 pdf for ease in accessing. Also attached is a pdf which includes close to 20 other 470 applications from schools in Detroit and other states that have the same style of 470 for comparison. My company had no interaction with any of these schools, i.e. Marilyn Lundy - Detroit, Case Richard - Detroit, New Corp in California, Woodward Academy, Winans Academy - Detroit, WEB Prep - Detroit, Ross Hill - Detroit, TImbuktU Academy - Detroit, Center for Literacy - DETroit, etc. TO find these school I just used the search feature available through the SLD website and looked under 313, 248, 734, 713 area codes. I only spent about 30 minutes to find these application, but I'm sure if someone looked at the style of most applications turned in to SLD there are similarities.

In practice I have found when responding to 470's that many schools have similar 470 applications almost as if they typed them from the same template. One technology director said that when he went for erate training back in 2002 this is the method he was taught by the Charter's authorizer (In Michigan universities and public school districts can authorize charters, i.e. Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Detroit Public Schools, etc.).

During the 2004 application window my company responded to several hundred schools applications and spent the whole time between July 1, 2003 and February 4, 2004 making visits to schools and talking with technical people, teachers, staff, and parent groups. Some school who had applications out there in July where my company submitted a bid did not followup with a decision until the beginning of 2004. The process is somewhat exasperating but working on projects with General Motors is no walk in the park either.

Also I have attached a copy of the State of Michigan's Free and Reduced lunch data from 2002 that my company used to find school's that qualified for 80 and 80% discounts in 2004. This type of information is available from state education website for parents to find which schools are the best. It is sorted by poverty level and name. My company's process is to: 1) scan area codes using the sld's site for open 470's, 2) contact the school if they appear of the list at a 80% or 90% discount level (a big effort requiring multiple phone calls over weeks, 3) talk

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 Letter re: 470 Similarities
 all AIG School 470's
 about 25 other non AIG school 470's
 all similar

with someone knowledgeable about the open 470 and then submit a bid after finding out the scope of their intended project, 4) wait and see if AIG is selected as the vendor, 5) if selected assist the school in getting all of their attachments sent in to the SLD (several schools erred by just dropping 471's in the mailbox where as they had no tracking number they got lost and were therefore denied. two other schools never sent in their 470 certification although I asked them at the first meeting what the status of their 470 cert was), 6) await a decision.

I will follow up with Mick Kraft tomorrow and then contact you after our conversation.

John Edwards, President
American Internet Group
SPIN: 143025387
(313) 461-8090

--- Irene Flannery <iflannery@universalservice.org>
wrote:

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> Here is the e-mail that you requested. I look
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Attachments

Files:



[aig_successful_bidded_school_470_applications.pdf](#) (870k)

 [other_schools_with_similar_style_470s.pdf](#) (537k)

 [State_of_Mich_free_lunch_data.xls](#) (773k) [\[View\]](#)

March 28, 2005

Appeals/Reviewers
Schools and Libraries Corporation

Dear Reviewers,

It has come to my attention that several schools I assisted with their Selective Review questions have been denied due to similarities in their applications. This problem may be the result of my consultation with each of the schools listed below:

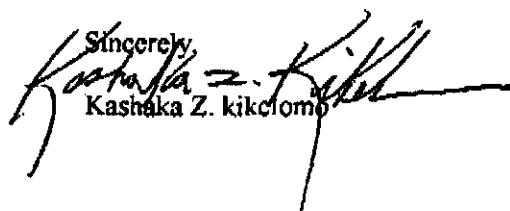
Plymouth Educational Charter
El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Academy
Detroit Edison Public School Academy
Academy of Flint
Sankofa Shule Public School Academy
Colin Powell Academy
Tri-Valley Academy
Hope Academy
King Academy
Detroit Advantage Academy

As I was a teacher at El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Academy, Sankofa Shule Academy and Principal at Greater Lansing Islamic School, an experienced grant writer and familiar with Schools and Libraries Selective Review response; American Internet Group referred the schools who received Selective Review questions to me for assistance. I showed each school how to effectively respond to the 12 page questionnaire based on my experience.

These schools, like GLIS, are small charter schools with little or no expertise, staffing or dollars for grant writing. As an advocate for educational excellence and opportunity for all students I have worked to assist any school or nonprofit group, without charge, in this mission. My background includes work at the Black Child and Family Institute in Lansing, Michigan as Executive Director, United Methodist Community House and Heart of West Michigan United Way in Grand Rapids, Michigan as Development Director and Development Associate, respectively and as District Executive with the Boy Scouts of America in Detroit, Michigan.

Again, I did not charge any of the schools I assisted nor did I believe this to be an issue. My sole concern was to help each school help the children, families and communities they serve. It was not my intention to hurt any of the schools although that appears to be the case.

It is my hope that you will find this explanation acceptable. I invite you to contact me at kashaka@matah.com if there are any questions or further concerns

Sincerely,

Kashaka Z. kiklom

PETITIONER EXHIBIT
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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Service Provider Name: American Internet Group, LLC
Service Provider Identification Number: 143025387
Funding Request Number: 1188185
Form 471 Application Number: 428762
Form 470 Application Number: 858140000488832
Name of 471 Applicant: PLYMOUTH ED CTR CHARTER SCH
Applicant Street Address: 1640 EAST FOREST
Applicant City: DETROIT
Applicant State: MI
Applicant Zip: 48207
Entity Number: 54833
Name of Contact Person: James E. Spruill
Preferred Mode of Contact: EMAIL
Contact Information: jspruill@pec.spfs.k12.mi.us
Funding Year: 2004 (07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005)
Funding Status: Not Funded
Contract Number: 8506f
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Site Identifier: 26 00125 82904
Billing Account Number: (313) 831- 3280
Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date: 01/21/2004
Contract Award Date: 01/22/2004
Service Start Date: 07/01/2004
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2005
Monthly Recurring Charges: \$0.00
Portion of Monthly Recurring Charges that is Ineligible: \$0.00
Eligible Monthly Pre-Discount Amount for Recurring Charges: \$0.00
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-Discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$0.00
Annual Non-Recurring Charges: \$321300.00
Portion of Annual Non-Recurring Charges that is Ineligible: \$0.00
Annual Pre-Discount Amount for Eligible Non-Recurring Charges: \$321300.00
Total Program Year Pre-Discount Amount: \$321300.00
Applicant's Approved Discount Percentage: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Bidding Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Similarities in description on Forms 470 and in selective review responses provided to SLD among applicants associated with this vendor indicate that vendor was improperly involved in the competitive bidding and vendor selection process.
Technology Plan Approval Status: Approved/Pending Approval
Wave Number: 014
Applicant Letter Date: 03/01/2005

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Service Provider Name: American Internet Group, LLC
Service Provider Identification Number: 143025387
Funding Request Number: 1189394
Form 471 Application Number: 428762
Form 470 Application Number: 858140000488832
Name of 471 Applicant: PLYMOUTH ED CTR CHARTER SCH
Applicant Street Address: 1540 EAST FOREST
Applicant City: DETROIT
Applicant State: MI
Applicant Zip: 48207
Entity Number: 54353
Name of Contact Person: James E. Spruill
Preferred Mode of Contact: EMAIL
Contact Information: jspruill@pac.spsa.k12.mi.us
Funding Year: 2004 (07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005)
Funding Status: Not Funded
Contract Number: N/A
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Site Identifier: 26 00125 82904
Billing Account Number: (313) 831- 3280
Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date: 01/21/2004
Contract Award Date: N/A
Service Start Date: 07/01/2004
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2005
Monthly Recurring Charges: \$3000.00
Portion of Monthly Recurring Charges that is Ineligible: \$0.00
Eligible Monthly Pre-Discount Amount for Recurring Charges: \$3000.00
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-Discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$36000.00
Annual Non-Recurring Charges: \$0.00
Portion of Annual Non-Recurring Charges that is Ineligible: \$0.00
Annual Pre-Discount Amount for Eligible Non-Recurring Charges: \$0.00
Total Program Year Pre-Discount Amount: \$36000.00
Applicant's Approved Discount Percentage: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Inel. svcs. / or product(s)
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for redundant internet access which is an ineligible service based on program rules.
Technology Plan Approval Status: Approved/Pending Approval
Wave Number: 014
Applicant Letter Date: 03/01/2005



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2004-2005

August 01, 2005

James Spruill
Plymouth Educational Center
1460 East Forest
Detroit, MI 48207

Re: Applicant Name: PLYMOUTH ED CTR CHARTER SCH
Billed Entity Number: 54833
Form 471 Application Number: 428762
Funding Request Number(s): 1189185
Your Correspondence Dated: March 28, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2004 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1189185
Decision on Appeal: Denied
Explanation:

- On appeal, you state that as a Michigan mid sized charter school in the city of Detroit you work with a number of organizations for assistance on grants, partnerships, technology pilots, and other educational initiatives that benefit the student populations. These organizations include: the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA), and the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO), the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), as well as others. You state that when you received the USAC Selective Review 12 page questionnaire you had asked your peers for someone with grant writing experience who had completed a prior Selective Review Questionnaire. Mr. Kashaka Kikelomo is an advocate for better educational solutions and a former principal and was recommended to assist you in completing your responses. You close the appeal by stating that American

Internet Group, your selected vendor for Internal Connections was in no way involved with the competitive bidding or vendor selection process.

- Upon review of the appeal, it was determined that similar patterns were found in the cited Form 470 (application #858140000488832) in comparison to other Form 470s. Standard services sought for each service category are listed as:

Telecommunications: "Local Telephone Service, Long Distance Telephone Service/phonecard, Centrex/Centrex Common Equipment (NAR), additional phone lines, Conferenced/Custom calling service/Directory assistance, Digital transmission services T1/ATM/DSL/Frame/Wireless etc, Satellite service, PRI/ISDN/DID/PVC, Basic Telephone Service."

Internet Access: "T1, ISP Fees, Programming, configuration, installation, Leasing and shipping fees, Per diem including travel."

Internal Connections: "Installation and maintenance of wiring/cabling/conduit/raceway/power poles, antenna/mast servers, hubs, routers, switches, remote access routers, CSU-DSU, monitors, tape backup, wireless solution, data racks and supporting equipment, video conferencing, professional services/fees/documentation/tech support, video master control unit/media converter."

Also, similar identical Form 470 applications were received listing similar quantity and/or capacity for each service category.

Upon review of the Item 25 documentation that was submitted during the review process, it was determined that similar identical responses to the competitive bidding review questions were received, including the statement "Dear Mr. XXX, Below is a response to Part 1: Information Regarding the Competitive Bidding Process and Vendor Selection" and "Request for Proposal (RFP) XXX School does not have RFP's to submit. All services were itemized on form #470."

Similar Item 25 Worksheet Summary: Fax Back Page 1 which included all fields in dark type. Similar Resource Plan: Fax Back Page 2 which included "the goal of the E-rate program is to maximize the utilization of equipment to ensure..."

Also, "the service provider has agreed to provide training on all new equipment and upgrades..." Similar E-rate Implementation Description: Fax Back Page 3 which included the statement "the goal of XXX schools E-rate Implementation is as follows: maximize the use and availability..." Similar technology plan statements which include similar identical format with similar identical wording under Mission Statement: "XXX School, in partnership with parents and the community, will provide a nurturing..." It is also noted that according to the statements made by Mr. Kashaka Kikelomo within the attachment submitted with your appeal, American Internet Group had referred him to the schools that received Item 25 Selective Review questionnaires.

- SLD denied your funding request because it determined that similarities in the Form 470 and Selective Review Responses provided to SLD among applicants

associated with this vendor, indicate that the vendor was improperly involved in the competitive bidding and/or vendor selection process. In your appeal, you have not shown that SLD's determination was incorrect. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal.

- FCC rules require applicants to submit an FCC Form 470 to USAC for posting on its web site. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b). The FCC requires applicants to "submit a complete description of the services they seek so that it may be posted for competing service providers to evaluate." Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Report and Order*, FCC 97-157, ¶ 570 (rel. May 8, 1997) (*Universal Service Order*). The FCC requires "file application to describe the services that the schools and libraries seek to purchase in sufficient detail to enable potential providers to formulate bids." *Id.* ¶ 575. The Form 470 warns applicants that "[s]ervice provider involvement with the preparation or certification of a Form 470 can taint the competitive bidding process and result in the denial of funding requests." See Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form 470, OMB 3060-0806 (*FCC Form 470*). Once the applicant enters into an agreement(s) with the service provider(s), the applicant submits an FCC Form 471 to SLD. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(c). The FCC has stated that applicants cannot abdicate control over the application process to a service provider that is associated with the FCC Form 471 for that applicant. Request for Review by Bethlehem Temple Christian School, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, DA-01-852 ¶ 6 (rel. Apr. 6, 2001).
- Pursuant to its authority to administer the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism, SLD selects certain applicants for a Selective Review to ensure that they are following FCC rules relating to, among other things, the competitive bidding process. Applicants who are chosen for this review are sent the "E-Rate Selective Review Information Request." As part of this request, applicants are asked to answer certain questions regarding their competitive bidding and vendor selection process. In particular, applicants are asked to:

Please provide complete documentation indicating how and why you selected the service provider(s). This documentation should include a description of your evaluation process and the factors you used to determine the winning contract(s).

- According to the Selective Review Information Request, the person authorized by the applicant to sign on the applicant's behalf, or the entity's authorized representative, is required to certify that the authorized signer prepared the responses to the Selective Review Information Request on behalf of the entity.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter.

Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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